

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12-24 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant first requests that the Examiner approve the correct drawing figure 7 that was submitted along with the Supplemental Amendment on March 18, 2004

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12-24 have been amended in response to the claim objections and 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections. These amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims; therefore, not estoppel should created.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


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